New road projects in Orissa

*326. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether six new road projects are proposed to be taken up in Orissa during the year 2007-08 under NHAI;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of National Highway 224 from Khurda to Balangir in Orissa?

THE MINISTE'R OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Five stretches of National Highways for 4-laning with an aggregated length of 553 kms. in the State of Orissa have been identified under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III for implementation by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The details are as below:

Sl. No.	NH No.	Stretches	Length in km.
1.	200	Chandikhole-Duburi-Talcher	137
2.	215	Panikoili-Keonjhar-Rimuli	163
3.	215	Rimuli-Roxy-Rajamunda	106
4.	203	Bhubaneswar-Puri	59
5.	6	Sambalpur-Baragarh-Chhattisgarh/Orissa Border	88
		TOTAL:	553

(c) National Highway (NH) 224 in Orissa from Khurda to Balangir is having a length of 298 km. It is of 2 lane width in 12.30 kms and remaining 285.70 kms. is of single/intermediate lane width. The works of widening to 2 lane in 44 km. length have already been taken up and are in different stages of progress. The balance lengths will be improved to 2 lane width in a phased manner. This NH is maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

Security assistance to Pakistan

*327. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study by the US experts Pakistan has received $ 1.8 billion as security assistance from US for the war against terrorism, but the weapons financed under it are more useful in countering India than fighting Al Qaida and Taliban;